

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A

DATE OF CONTENT 27 August to 26 September 1953

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C DATE PREPARED 12 October 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS

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- ☐ 1. On 27 August 1953, 18 Il-10s were parked near a hangar at Finsterwalde airfield. The aircraft were still observed at the field and practiced flying on 26 September. 1 On 27 August, six canvas-covered AA guns were parked near the quartering buildings of the AA unit at the field. 2
2. Motor vehicles¹ observed entering and leaving the field between 27 August and 26 September included:

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3. At 10 a.m. on 12 September, no air activity was conducted at the field. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., sedan ☐ and the following trucks 25X1B were observed on the road to the airfield:

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4. Source determined that the observations made [redacted] did not refer to the object on Forst Strasse but to Object No 6. 25X1C

[redacted] source entered Object No 1 on Forst Strasse which was marked by a red gate with a Soviet star and which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with a submachine gun. All incoming vehicles had to stop at the gate. The houses at the object south of the road apparently were occupied and seemed to house offices and billets. There was intensive passenger traffic between the houses. Motor vehicle numbers observed at the entrance included [redacted]

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5. The following motor vehicles were seen in Finsterwalde on 2 September:



6. On 7 September, practice flights were made by single-engine aircraft. 1

7. On 19 September, a PKV-45 DF station and a radio mast were observed in the northwestern corner of the field. 4 Single-engine low-wing monoplanes repeatedly flew over the town throughout the day. Trucks [redacted] entered and left the airfield. 25X1B
No trucks were observed at Kurzer Damm in Finsterwalde and the sheds there had been torn down. The opposite building was surrounded by a board fence. 3

1. [redacted] Comment. Finsterwalde airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment with about 40 Il-10s. All motor vehicle numbers belong to the new air force [redacted]

2. [redacted] Comment. When the airfield was occupied by Il-28s, it was assumed that two batteries each with 37-mm and 85-mm guns were located at the field. No AAA had been observed at the field up to early August 1953 and since the field was re-occupied by a ground attack regiment. It appears now, however that at least one battery is stationed there.

3. [redacted] Comment. Source reported on 2 September 1953 that no sentry was posted at Object No 1. [redacted] This object was previously occupied by the bomber corps headquarters whose transfer was assumed but not confirmed. It is possible that Object No 1 is now occupied by the ground attack corps headquarters which transferred to Finsterwalde from the Falkensee restricted area in early August 1953. Object No 6 is believed to house a main storeroom. Object No 8 at Kurzer Damm, now Geschwister Scholl Strasse, was previously occupied by a supply unit.

4. [redacted] Comment. The PKV-45 DF station was previously located 800 to 900 meters west of the west end of the runway.

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